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Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-12 remain pending in the application. Editorial revisions have been made in the claims.

A copy of the English translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicants respectfully traverse the objection to the drawings for failing to illustrate the control plate of claim 4 and the vibration driving portion of claim 7. Applicants respectfully submit that these items already are included in the drawings as element 28 (Fig. 3C) and element 30 (Fig. 10). The objection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-12 have been rejected for lack of enablement. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. The rejection questions whether the control of the fan revolutions has been disclosed. Applicants respectfully contend that the control of fans is a long-standing and very well-understood concept in the art, and that no detailed disclosure is needed for one of ordinary skill to be able to select a suitable typical fan control system for a particular application.

Claim 8 has been rejected for indefiniteness. Claim 8 has been revised editorially to address the constructive criticism noted in the rejection. The rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-12 have been rejected for indefiniteness. Claim 1 has been revised to clarify the identity of the two gaps recited in the claim. Therefore, the issue noted in this rejection has been resolved and the rejection should be withdrawn.

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Favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is requested.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612)455.3804.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 26 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference ISHI03-02	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See Form PCT/IPEA416
International application No. PCT/JP2004/015847	International filing date (day/month/year) 26.10.2004	Priority date (day/month/year) 27.10.2003	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC F25D17/06, F25D19/00, F25D25/02			
Applicant AIR OPERATION TECHNOLOGIES INC.			

1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 26.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.

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- a. ☒ (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of 2 sheets, as follows:
- ☒ sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).
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- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the report
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. 1 Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished

☒ the description:

pages: 1-12 as originally filed/furnished:

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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☒ the claims:

nos. 5-10 as originally filed/furnished

nos.* 1-4, 11, 12 as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-12	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-12	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-12	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: WO 99/047871 A1 (Kabushiki Kaisha Kyohei
Dennetsu), 23 September 1999, all pages

Document 2: JP 8-200923 A (Kabushiki Kaisha Kawasaki
Seisakusho), 09 August 1996, all pages

The invention set forth in claims 1 to 12 is not disclosed in any of the documents that are cited in the international search report, and would not have been obvious to a person skilled in the art.